

CLAIMS:

1. A luggage rack for pivotal attachment to a motorcycle at sissy bar mounting plates disposed on like side of the rear fender, said rack comprising:

- 5           (a)     a frame having a generally U-shape with opposite legs each terminating at lower pivot ends defining a bore;
- (b)     a pair of mounting brackets having a body with a flange, said flange having bores adapted to align with the bores in the mounting plates at opposite sides of the motorcycle;
- 10          (c)     each said body having defining a location for receiving the lower pivot end of the associated leg, said location defining a bore aligned with the bore in the associated leg;
- (d)     fastener means at each bracket extending through said bracket and the associated leg whereby said fastener means may be selectively tightened to
- 15           provide a frictional fit between the bracket and frame to allow the user to manually pivot the frame between a generally horizontal use position and a generally vertical stored position; and
- (e)     stop means on said bracket to engage said rack when in a generally horizontal position.

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2. The luggage rack of Claim 1 wherein said frame is chrome plated steel.

3. The luggage rack of Claim 1 wherein said frame has a configuration conforming to that of the sissy bar and wherein said rack abuts the sissy bar in an upright stored position.

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4. The luggage rack of Claim 1 wherein a plate extends between the opposite legs of the frame.

5. The luggage rack of Claim 4 wherein said plate carries indicia.

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6. The luggage rack of Claim 1 wherein said bracket body location defines a slot for receiving the lower end of the associated legs, said slot being defined by sidewalls one of which being deflectable to apply a frictional force to the said frame.

10 7. The luggage rack of Claim 1 wherein said frame including retaining means to retain said rack in said stored position.

8. A method of installing a luggage rack on a motorcycle having a sissy bar secured at mounting plates at fastening bores at opposite sides of the rear fender, said method comprising:

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(a) removing the existing sissy bar and mounting plates from the motorcycle;

(b) removing the mounting plates from the backrest;

(c) providing a rack having opposite legs with pivot bores at the lower distal ends thereof;

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(d) providing mounting brackets for each of the legs, each bracket having a pivot bore to align with the pivot bore in the legs and fastener bore to align with the fastener bores in the mounting plates, said brackets having stop means to limit the pivotal movement of the rack;

(e) attaching the mounting brackets to the mounting plates;

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(f) reinstalling the sissy bar mounting plates with the brackets; and

(g) pivotally securing the rack to the bracket at the cooperative pivot bars.